

Prayers for the week

Collect

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and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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Prayer Following Holy Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

The Local and Worldwide Church

In our Diocese we pray Dorchester Deanery

Worldwide, we pray for The Church of Ireland

We pray for Mothers' Union worldwide: Eastern Zambia in Zambia; Mombasa in Kenya; Gwagwalada & Ekiti-West in Nigeria; Leicester in England and Temotu in Solomon Islands

14th July 2024

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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Showing love to God through our worship and study; showing love to our communities and God's creation through caring action.

Sunday 14th July Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Amos 7.7-15 Mark 6.14-29

8.30am Holy Communion All Saints Middle Woodford

10.00am Parish Communion St Andrew Great Durnford

Wednesday 17th July

9.30am Holy Communion All Saints Middle Woodford

1.30pm Rebecca Carson Leaving Service Vicarage Lawn

Saturday 20th July

9.00am Morning Prayers St Andrew Great Durnford

Sunday 21st July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6 Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

10.00am Parish Communion St Michael Wilsford

6.00pm Evensong St Andrew Great Durnford

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Amos 7.7-15

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

⁸ And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

¹¹ For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;

¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees,

¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Mark 6.14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.'

¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.'

¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'

¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'

²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.'

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.'

²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.'

²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.